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Subject: Public Notice for Peer Recovery Support Services

Add'l info: The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is amending the State Plan to include coverage for peer recovery support services within the state's Other Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive and Rehabilitative Services benefit and the Mandatory Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) benefit. The Department is proposing to use approximately \$24 million annually in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reinvestment funds to establish peer recovery support services in SUD settings in alignment with behavioral health priorities and stakeholder response.

Peer recovery support services are a set of non-clinical activities provided by individuals in recovery from behavioral health concerns, including substance use or addictive disorders or mental health concerns, who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other individuals with substance use disorders. These services will be rendered by certified peer recovery support specialists in community-based substance use disorder (SUD) programs and opioid treatment programs licensed by the Behavioral Health Administration, and federally qualified health centers.

The proposed effective date is June 1, 2023. Individual peer support services will be reimbursed at a rate of \$16.38 per 15-minute unit, and group peer support services will be reimbursed at a rate of \$4.55 per 15-minute unit.

The Department anticipates a fiscal impact of \$24 million total funds per year, with 60% (\$14.4 million) coming from federal funds and 40% (\$9.6 million) coming from state funds.

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